



## **EARLY CHILDHOOD COUNCIL MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, October 11, 2011**

The Early Childhood Council (ECC) convened for a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2011, at Austin City Hall, Executive Session Room, 301 West Second Street, in Austin, Texas.

Board Members in attendance are listed on the attached attendance roll sheet. Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) staff in attendance was Ron Hubbard. Guests present and signing in were Cindy Gamez, Glenda Overfelt, Pat Smith, Raye Sansom, Laura Koenig, Larry Meyers, and Nelda Frasier.

The Meeting was called to order by Chair Huston at 9:00 am.

1. New Council Member Robert Borowski was introduced to the Council and he described some of his work background.
2. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None
3. PRESENTATION: HEAD START/EARLY HEAD START COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT – Larry Meyers from Child, Inc. discussed the agency’s most recent community assessment that is done as a requirement by Head Start. The document is online at the ECC website.
4. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None
5. MINUTES: The September 13, 2011 meeting minutes were approved on Council Member Black’s motion and Vice-Chair Holder’s on a 11 – 0 vote with Council Member Wallace arriving after the vote.
6. COMMITTEE AND WORK GROUP REPORTS AND POSSIBLE ACTIONS
  - a. Executive Committee – Aletha Huston
    - i. The Nomination Work Group nominated Kyle Holder as Chair and Anna Lisa Fahrenthold and Debra Keith-Thompson as candidates for Vice-Chair. Kyle Holder was elected Chair, and Anna Lisa Fahrenthold was elected Vice-Chair with 12-month terms to begin November 1, 2011.
    - ii. Chair Huston discussed the visit that she and Vice-Chair Holder had with Carlos Rivera, HHSD Director. She discussed that they asked for involvement in the Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan (CHA-CHIP). The assessment and planning is being led by Shannon Jones, HHSD Deputy Director.

- iii. A recommendation to City Council regarding the social services RFP and early childhood funding to be composed by Chair Huston and to include: 1) concern about funding cuts to early childhood services, 2) use of CHA-CHIP to make needs based decisions, and 3) the return on investment of early childhood programs, was approved on the Executive Committee's recommendation on a 11 – 0 vote with Council Member Wallace arriving after the vote. (The recommendations are attached to these Minutes.)
  - iv. A retreat meeting was discussed. A longer February meeting from 8:30 am to Noon was the consensus, and will be included in the 2012 meeting schedule.
- b. Policy Development and Research Work Group – Anna Lisa Fahrenthold
- i. The recommendations from the Group's review of the Children with Challenging Behaviors proposal was discussed, and public comments by Pat Smith and Nelda Frasier were taken. The recommendations were approved on Council Member Fahrenthold's motion and Council Member Elsner's second with a vote of 10 – 0 – 2 with Council Members Meunier and Rodriguez abstaining. (The recommendations are attached to these Minutes.)
  - ii. Early Childhood Planning effort – The upcoming data and stakeholder meetings were discussed and ECC were invited to attend.
- c. Providers Work Group – Jacquie Porter handed out the Group's review of the Early Childhood Framework. She reported that additional information and feedback will be received from the Directors' Group that meets at Child Care Services that is facilitated by Marti Burris.
- d. Finance Work Group – Larry Elsner discussed the future reduction in early childhood funding in the areas of child care quality and child development. Both areas were reduced by over half.
7. STAFF BRIEFING – Ron Hubbard, Early Childhood Coordinator, mentioned the impending HHSD reorganization that will impact early childhood.
8. SUCCESS BY 6 UPDATE – See item 6.b.ii.

Continued: 3. PRESENTATION: Dr. Chiquita Eugene, Citywide Program Manager for Youth and Family Initiatives described her position and duties for the ECC.

9. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS
- Calendar 2012 meeting schedule

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

	LAST	FIRST	NOV 2010	DEC 2010	JAN 2011	FEB 2011	MAR 2011	APR 2011	MAY 2011	JUN 2011	JUL 2011	AUG 2011	SEPT 2011	OCT 2011
1	Black	Albert	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	X		1	1	1
2	Borowski	Robert											Appt 9/22/11	1
3	Elsner	Larry	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1
4	Fahrenthold	Anna Lisa	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
5	Holder	Kyle	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	No Meeting	1	1	1
6	Huston	Aletha	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		X	1	1
7	Keith-Thompson	Debra	1	1	E	E	1	1	1	1		1	1	1
8	Meunier	Leah								New appt 6/23/11		1	1	1
9	Paver	Rhonda	1	1	1	1	E	E	X	1		1	1	1
10	Porter	Jacque	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	X	1
11	Rodriguez	Cindy	1	X	1	1	E	1	1	X		X	1	1
12	Vacant - Mayor												Vacant 10/1/11	
13	Wallace	Avis	E	X	1	X	1	E	E	1		1	E	1
Total Members Present			n/a		n/a	n/a	12							

Present = 1, Absent excused = E,  
Absent unexcused = X